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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ECF CASE

FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY;

Plaintiff, 07 Civ. 3372 (VM)

- against -**COMPLAINT**

M/V "RICKMERS TOKYO", M/V "RICKMERS JAKARTA", their engines, tackles, boilers, etc.; RICKMERS-LINIE GMBH &

CIE. KG, HAMBURG;

Defendants.

Plaintiff, through its undersigned attorney, alleges as follows for its complaint against defendants:

- This is an admiralty and maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) 1. of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure with respect to the carriage of the subject cargo by sea and also falls within the Court's federal question, pendent, ancillary, and supplemental jurisdiction as to the remaining aspects of the claim in suit. Plaintiff seeks recovery for cargo loss and damage caused by defendants' breaches of contract and torts.
- Plaintiff Federal Insurance Company is a corporation organized under the 2. laws of one of the fifty states with an office at 55 Water Street, New York, New York, and sues herein as subrogated insurer of the cargo in suit, having paid the insurance

claims of Shamrock Steel, Inc. and Shamrock Building Materials, Inc. and for and on behalf of the shipper, consignee and owner of the cargo as their interests may appear.

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- 3. Defendant Rickmers-Linie GmbH & Cie. KG, Hamburg ("Rickmers") is believed to be a corporation organized under the laws of foreign sovereign.
- 4. This Court has jurisdiction over Rickmers who conducts business in the State of New York and/or within the United States as a whole within the meaning of pursuant to Rule 4(k)(2) Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 5. Upon information and belief the captioned vessels, which was at all material times were owned, chartered, managed, operated, or hired by Rickmers, are now, or will be during the pendency of this action, within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of this Honorable Court or is otherwise subject to jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 4(k) (2) Federal Rule of Civil Procedure.
- 6. This action involves loss and damage to the shipments which are described more fully described in the bills of lading listed on the annexed Schedules A and B, which are incorporated herein by reference.
- 7. The aforementioned damage and loss was caused in whole or in part by the unseaworthiness of the carrying vessels as well as defendants' reckless failure to properly and safely store, load, stow, lash, carry, ventilate, discharge, deliver and care for the subject cargo, and their unreasonable deviations from, and fundamental breaches of, the terms of the governing contracts of carriage.
- 8. As a result of the foregoing, plaintiff, and those on whose behalf it sues, has sustained damages in the amount of \$72,783.53 for which defendants are jointly and severally liable without limitation of any kind.

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9. Plaintiff sues on its own behalf and as agent and trustee for and on behalf of anyone else who may now have or hereafter acquire an interest in this action.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against defendants jointly and severally in the amount of \$72,783.53 together with interest at the rate of 9% per annum and the costs of this action and prays that this Honorable Court issue its process against the aforesaid vessels <u>in rem</u>.

Dated: New York, New York April 27, 2007

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SCHEDULE A

Subrogated Insurer: Federal Insurance Company

Shipper: Weifgang East Steel Pipe Co., Ltd.

Consignees: Shamrock Steel, Inc. and

Shamrock Building Materials, Inc.

Vessel: M/V "RICKMERS TOKYO"

Voyage: 152
Port of Loading: Qingdao
Port of Discharge: New Orleans

Bills of Lading: RCKI152QINNOL04 thru 26

dated: February 23, 2005

Shamrock Order No. 71978

Commodity: galvanized steel pipes

 Claim Amount:
 \$59,440.53

 Rickmers-Linie File:
 60067

 Chubb File:
 66852/035

 DLM File:
 6C-1263

SCHEDULE B

Subrogated Insurer: Federal Insurance Company

Shipper: Weifgang East Steel Pipe Co., Ltd.

Consignees: Shamrock Steel, Inc. and

Shamrock Building Materials, Inc.

Vessel: M/V "RICKMERS JAKARTA"

Voyage: 168 Port of Loading: Qingdao

Port of Discharge: Houston + New Orleans
Bills of Lading: RCKI168QINHOU16 and 31

RCK1168QINNOL03, 08, 15, 23 and 29

dated: October 10, 2005

Shamrock Order Nos.: 73185, 73158, 73186 and 73238

Commodity: galvanized steel pipes

 Claim Amount:
 \$13,343.00

 Rickmers-Linie File:
 63260/KB

 Chubb File:
 66852/046

 DLM File:
 6C-1332